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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO

1. PRESIDENT FORD IS INVITING PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN TO VISIT WASHINGTON THIS YEAR. (PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE BY SEPTEL). WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS IF FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO WERE TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR A PRIOR TALK WITH THE SECRETARY. CONSULTATIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL.

2. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO LIEVANO IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR SUBSEQUENT TO DELIVERY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER: THE PRESIDENT AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOUR PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. I CAN THINK OF NOTHING THAT WOULD BETTER STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES THAN PERSONAL CONSULTATIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

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IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT YOU AND I MIGHT USEFULLY PREPARE

FOR THIS MEETING BY GETTING TOGETHER IN ADVANCE. IF THAT
PROPOSAL STRIKES YOU AS ADVANTAGEOUS
PERHAPS YOU WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO COME HERE A FEW
DAYS BEFORE THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES. WE COULD
TALK THEN ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT
AND REVIEW A RANGE OF BILATERAL AND HEMISPHERIC ISSUES OF
MUTUAL INTEREST.

I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.
BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. KISSINGER

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